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TO: DIR

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RE: A. DIR 07148 (OUT 53600)

B. SHERWOOD 512 (IN 24181)

1. OBJECTIVE ANALYSIS OF AIRCRAFT DISPOSITION PROBLEM BRINGS OUT FOLLOWING:

A. EITHER ABSENCE OR PRESENCE OF SYNCARP AIRCRAFT GUAT CITY CONSPICUOUS. AIRCRAFT COULD BEAR CLOSE SCRUTINY BUT WOULD ONLY ENGENDER ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS WHICH COULD BE MOST EMBARRASSING. I.E. HOW MANY A/C INVOLVED, WHERE OBTAINED, HOW ARMED, WHO FLEW, WHO BOMBED THIS TARGET OR THAT TARGET, ETC. ACCEPTABLE ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS WOULD REQUIRE ELABORATE STORY WHICH ALL WOULD HAVE TO STICK TO AND WHICH COULD STAND UP UNDER DETAILED INVESTIGATION SURE TO FOLLOW. ON OTHER HAND IF THESE QUESTIONS WOULD NOT BE ANSWERED ON MILITARY PEROGATIVE THEN WHY LOOK FOR TROUBLE BY LETTING AIRCRAFT SHOW UP AT ALL.

B. USE OF AIR POWER THIS CAMPAIGN WHILE KEY TO SUCCESS OF PROJECT WAS ALSO ONE OF MOST CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES. PRESS HAS

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PLAYED UP BOMBING AND STRAFING OF OPEN CITIES AND IN GENERAL MADE IT LOOK LIKE SOME RUTHLESS FORCE WAS USING FLAMETHROWERS TO DISCIPLINE UNRULY CHILDREN. LET THIS ISSUE DIE IF POSSIBLE BY HAVING AIR POWER DISAPPEAR.

C. FEW IF ANY OUTSIDE PBSUCCESS AWARE FULL EXTENT OUR AIR POWER. MANY CONFLICTING STORIES IN PRESS AND FROM WSBURNT TARGETS. FEEL IT BETTER TO LET ISSUE REMAIN CONFUSED AND PERHAPS GROW INTO LEGEND OF WHAT HAPPENS WHEN LITTLE BOYS PLAY WITH COMMUNISM. ANY APPEARANCE AIRCRAFT AND PILOTS WOULD REPLACE AWESOME CONCEPTION WRATH FROM ON HIGH WITH RATHER SAD LOOKING AIRCRAFT AND RELATIVELY UNIMPOSING PILOT.

D. MANY COMPLICATED DETAILS ARE INVOLVED SUCH AS MAINTENANCE OF AIRCRAFT, FEELINGS ETC. ALL OF WHICH REQUIRE TIME WHILE WHATEVER IS TO BE DONE MUST BE DONE IMMEDIATELY.

2. IN VIEW ABOVE RECOMMEND THAT ALL PBPRIME CONNECTION WITH CALLIGERIS AIR SUPPORT BE IMMEDIATELY WIPED OUT BY FOLLOWING DISPOSITION AIRCRAFT:

A. P 33 BE

B. THREE OPERATIONAL F 47 PLUS F 47 WRECK AND ALL SPARE PARTS AT SOMERSET BE

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C. REMAINING OPERATIONAL F 47 ATTEMPT SELL TO
IF BALKS AT PRICE OF \$25,000, GIVE IT TO FREE IF NECESSARY.

D. IMMEDIATELY GIVE CALLIGERIS C 47 HE NOW USING. THIS
WILL AVOID ANY COMPLICATIONS OVER ITS RETURN AND ALSO GIVE MENDOZA
SOMEWHAT OF AN AIRFORCE FOR RETURN TO GUAT CITY.

E. CESSNA 180 TO BE GIVEN .

F. CESSNA 140 TO BE GIVEN .

G. REMAINING TWO C 47'S TO HANDLE MOVE TO
AND RETURN TO ORIGINAL SOURCES.

3. ADVISE SOONEST AS FEEL WE ARE STRETCHING LUCK TO RETAIN
PBPRIME CONTROL AIRCRAFT ANY LONGER AND ALSO GETTING NERVOUS.

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